

21 April 2022

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2022/04

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received 28 March 2022 which requested:

1. *what proportion of cannabis referendum voters are citizens?*
2. *how many permanent residents voted for / against the cannabis referendum? vs citizens.*
3. *how many overseas votes were for / against it?*
4. *how many members of the communist party of China are currently enrolled to vote in NZ elections? (ask NZSIS / GCSB for a copy of the leaked list of one million members found in 2016 for this, it may be possible to use the list to find commies in NZ for deportation etc)*
5. *what is the total number of "investor plus" category residency applications have been approved in the past 20- years?*

Questions 1, 2 and 4

Under section 18(g) of the OIA these requests are refused because the information is not held by the Electoral Commission, and we have no grounds to believe it is held by another agency.

General information about the results of the Cannabis Referendum can be found at [E9 Statistics - Referendums Results \(electionresults.govt.nz\)](https://electionresults.govt.nz)

Question 3

The table below outlines the results of the Cannabis referendum with regard to overseas voters.

Overseas voters - Cannabis Referendum Responses	Votes	Percentage of Votes
Informal	298	0.49%
No	13850	22.68%
Yes	46909	76.83%
Total	61057	100.00%

Question 5

We understand that Immigration New Zealand (Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment) is responsible for 'investor plus' applications. Accordingly, under section 14 of the OIA, on 20 April 2022 this part of your request has been transferred to Immigration NZ.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every three months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted on www.elections.nz.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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